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SUBJ: GOC STATEMENT ON WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES  
ON DAVIES ASSASSINATION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GOC PIO RELEASE JANUARY 20, 1976,  
ON POST AND TIMES ARTICLES ON DAVIES ASSASSINATION:

2. BEGIN TEXT: NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON  
SAY THAT THE "WASHINGTON POST" AND "NEW YORK TIMES"  
HAVE REPORTED THAT THE MURDERERS OF U.S. AMBASSADOR,  
MR. RODGER DAVIES, ARE MEMBERS OF THE CYPRUS SECURITY  
FORCES AND THAT DESPITE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE U.S.  
EMBASSY IN NICOSIA THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PROSECUTED AND  
CONTINUE TO SERVE WITH THE CYPRUS POLICE.

IT IS TRUE THAT FROM THE  
DAY FOLLOWING THE MURDER, SUSPICIONS WERE EXPRESSED  
THAT A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE WAS INVOLVED IN THE  
PERPETRATION OF THE CRIME. FOR THIS REASON THE POLICEMAN  
IN QUESTION AND TWO CIVILIANS WERE PLACED UNDER POLICE  
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CUSTODY AND QUESTIONED, BUT NO EVIDENCE EMERGED

CONFIRMING THE SUSPICIONS AGAINST THEM.

LATER, IN OCTOBER 1974, THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NICOSIA  
PASSED TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING  
THE SAID POLICEMAN WEARING A MILITARY UNIFORM AND CARRYING  
AN ARM. AFTER THE POLICE RECEIVED THE PHOTOGRAPHS THE  
SAID POLICEMAN WAS QUESTIONED ANEW BUT AGAIN NO EVIDENCE  
CONNECTING HIM WITH THE CRIME CAME TO LIGHT.

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NICOSIA IS BEING KEPT INFORMED ON THE  
COURSE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND THROUGHT A RECENT POLICE REPORT  
IT WAS INFORMED THAT THE POLICE WERE CONTINUING THEIR  
INVESTIGATIONS IN ALL DIRECTIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF  
DISCUOVERING THE CULPRITS AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE. END TEXT.

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